

Gabalfa Baptist Church and Manse

Registered Charity Number 234763

TRUSTEE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2024

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:

Mr Alun Howells
Mr Lee Jones
Mr Samuel Smith
Mr Clayton Piper - Appointed 29.01.2024
Mr Aron Williams - Appointed 29.01.2024
Mr Gareth Payne - Resigned 10.03.2023
Mr Daniel Evans - Resigned 21.02.2024

Pastor:

Lee Jones

Charitable position:

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Annual Report of the Trustees

Charity Details

Name: Gabalfa Baptist Church and Manse
Registered: 18th October 1966
Organisation Type: Registered Charity

Structure, Governance and Management

Gabalfa Baptist Church and Manse ("Gabalfa Baptist Church") is led on a day-to-day basis by the Elders.

The Elders/Trustees on 31st December 2024 were:

Mr Alun Howells
Mr Lee Jones
Mr Samuel Smith
Mr Clayton Piper
Mr Aron Williams

New Elders/Trustees are brought to the attention of the church at a members' meeting.

In 2024, we held three meetings of church members (including the annual general meeting). At members' meetings, we pray for the church and update the members concerning the activities of the church.

Activities and objectives

The purpose of Gabalfa Baptist Church is to worship the Living God and to build together a group of people who love and serve each other and make Jesus Christ known. This is done through preaching and teaching, as we are led by Jesus Christ through his Word revealed in the Bible, and also through sharing our lives together.

Achievements and Performance

During 2024, we continued the activities of the previous year.

Sundays and Wednesday meetings continued to be the heartbeat of our Church life. We met twice each Sunday, in the morning and evening, with opportunities for members to invite friends and family. The Sunday evening service continued to have a Gospel focus with the good news of Jesus proclaimed and an encouragement to call on Jesus to be saved. We launched our Meet Jesus outreach services in March and October, which included preaching, a testimony and a Q&A. It was good to see a lot of visitors.

We met each Wednesday for our prayer meeting where we ate together and prayed for each other and the work of the church. We were encouraged to pray for two local non-Christians, sowing seeds with the expectation of reaping a harvest with further Meet Jesus services in the Spring. We also spent some time considering the Psalms and learning to pray like Jesus from the Psalms. We met each Sunday evening at 5.15pm to pray for the Gospel service and held two prayer weeks, in January and September.

We continued to read a different book or books of the Bible each month (known as RBT – Reading the Bible Together) and come together to share how God had spoken to us as a church.

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The children of the church continued to have a focal point in our church life. Gen-G met each Tuesday after school in term time. This youth club is for 4–17-year-olds. The older children stay for Top Gen-G for more focussed time, activities and to eat together which included going to members' homes. In addition, we started *Daddygeddon* once every two months on a Saturday morning for Dad's and children. We also held Smashing Pumpkins, a fun alternative to Halloween for the children of the church.

Building on the previous year, we continued to hold our Branch Community Cafe each Monday (10am–12pm) in term time at the church premises and it was good to see regular members of the community attending.

At Easter, we held Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebrations. At Christmas we held 3 candlelit carol services including one on Christmas Eve and a Christmas morning service. There was a good turnout for each event.

In addition to all this, we had baptisms and thanksgiving services. We held various activities to help the church spend more quality time together, including *Gabbo Lounge* on a Friday evening (time to relax, eat food and play games together), Men's curry night and Men's breakfasts. We reintroduced Hospitality Sunday, where members open their homes one Sunday a month to offer hospitality to fellow members and visitors, and held a church lunch each month. We also held another Music night in October, recognising that all music is good and is a gift of God to the church. This presented opportunity for members to share a musical item that would not normally be part of Sunday worship. It was a real joy and great to see the children involved.

We held a few Wonderful Everyday workshops focusing on *God calls me every day to love my neighbour as myself in the place in life in which he has assigned to me*. This culminated in the Wonderful Everyday Big Weekend in May half term, which included spending time together at Bethel Baptist Church in Barry and the afternoon at Barry Island.

In 2024 we had around 100 members.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Church provides public benefit in the provision of a place of worship. The Church seeks to fulfil its charitable objectives in the advancement of the good news of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Financial review and reserves policy

With a largely self-sustaining income, backed up by strong reserves, the Church aims to maximise its charitable expenditure whilst prudently managing its infrastructure. During 2024 our income was £193,402 and expenditure was £189,225 giving a surplus of £4,177. Our income was mainly received from gifts given by church members and from claiming gift aid.

The Trustees are aware of the need to accumulate sufficient reserves such that the Church can continue in operation during any short-term of shortfall. The reserves level at the end of 2024 was £95,762. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue for the next 12 months.

On behalf of the Trustees:


A. Howells

Authorised by the Trustees on 02 September 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT to the Trustees of Gabalfa Baptist Church and Manse

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Nicola Lewis

on 10th September 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>last year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	2				
Donations Received		114,234	17,256	131,490	125,113
Grants Received		0	0	0	0
Tax from Gift Aid		29,446	0	29,446	27,647
Bank Interest Received		168	473	641	256
Church Holiday Income		3,271	0	3,271	8,780
Rent Income Manse		9,069	0	9,069	5,000
Event Income		19,435	0	19,435	20,588
Other Income		51	0	51	119
TOTAL INCOME		175,673	17,729	193,402	187,502
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Charitable Expenditure	3				
Management, Administration & Ministry		155,724	33,501	189,225	154,787
TOTAL Expenditure		155,724	33,501	189,225	154,787
NET INCOME Before transfers		19,949	(15772)	4177	32,714
Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
NET INCOME After transfers		19,949	(15772)	4,177	32,714
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		19,949	(15772)	4,177	32,714
Total Funds Brought Forward		56,552	35,032	91,584	58,870
Total Funds Carried Forward		76,502	19,260	95,762	91,584

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31st December 2024

1. Fixed Assets

The Value of assets held by the charity at their insured value are as follows:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Equipment, Contents & Building	10,149,521	8,903,253
Manse	526,848	470,400
	<u>10,676,369</u>	<u>9,373,653</u>

2. Bank and Cash Balances

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Current & Deposit Accounts	95,762	91,584
	<u>95,762</u>	<u>91,584</u>

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Assets:		
Gift Aid tax not yet received	<u>27,144</u>	<u>29,446</u>
Liabilities:		
Fee for Independent Examination	840	75
PAYE due to HMRC	0	0
Pension Due to Pension Funds	0	0
Manse loan	0	8,944
	<u>840</u>	<u>9,019</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by ST Smith

Print Name SAMUEL SMITH

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Date 17/09/2025

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1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

2. Charitable Income

Donations received are from regular offerings and gifts, the tax rebates from gift aid are the amounts received during this year.

3. Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total This Year	Total Last Year
Employee Costs	52,293	33501	85,794	68,073
Visiting Speakers	260	0	260	0
Sound, Music & Visual	1,952	0	1,952	0
Events & Activities	25,550	0	25,550	30259
Special Projects	24,326	0	24,326	0
Postage, stationery & admin	2,020	0	2,020	3,712
Telephone & Internet	974	0	974	899
Conferences, Travel & Training	1,575	0	1,575	1,150
Rent, Rates and other premises costs	10,993	0	10,993	16,159
Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	2,212	0	2,212	10,786
Fixtures & Fittings premises	0	0	0	0
Small Equipment	1,025	0	1,025	0
Kitchen	1,771	0	1,771	0
Insurance	6,213	0	6,213	6,001
Professional Fees	303	0	303	0
Book keeping, Accounting & IE Fees	3,844	0	3,844	75
Subscriptions	1,525	0	1,525	0
Manse & Chapel flat	17,149	0	17,149	10,094
Bank & Zettle Charges	650	0	650	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	5,758
Donations, Gifts & Appreciation	1,087	0	1,087	1,820
	155,724	33501	189,225	154,787

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4. Staff and Trustees

The charity had three employed staff members during this year. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff member received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Two of the trustees, Sam Smith and Lee Jones receive salaries of £30,655 & £47,479 respectively in their capacity as pastors of the church. They are both also trustees on a voluntary basis and unpaid for this position.

5. Restricted Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year are as follows:

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
Jeans Fund - Legacy left towards creche playroom - unspent as at 2024	0	2,500	0	0	2,500
Worker Fund - Assistant pastor	35,032	15,229	33,501	0	16,760
	35,032	17,729	33,501	0	19,260